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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a **Continuation** application of prior pending Application Serial No. 09/877,233, filed June 11, 2001:

For (Title): LIQUID THERMOSETTING SEALING AGENT FOR POLYMER ELECTRODE  
MEMBRANE FUEL CELL, SINGLE CELL FORMED WITH SEALING AGENT,  
ITS PROCESS, AND PROCESS FOR REGENERATING POLYMER  
ELECTRODE MEMBRANE FUEL CELL

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1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

| FOR:                                                                    | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| BASIC FEE                                                               |           |           |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                                            | 21 - 20   | = 1       |
| INDEP CLAIMS                                                            | 1 - 3     | = 0       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |           |           |

\* If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

| SMALL ENTITY |        |
|--------------|--------|
| RATE         | FEE    |
|              | \$ 370 |
| x 9 =        | \$     |
| x 42 =       | \$     |
| +140 =       | \$     |
| TOTAL        | \$     |

| OTHER THAN A<br>SMALL ENTITY |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| RATE                         | FEE      |
|                              | \$ 740   |
| x 18                         | \$ 18    |
| x 84                         | \$ 0     |
| +280                         | \$ 280   |
| TOTAL                        | \$ 1,038 |


3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300 the amount of One Thousand Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$1,038.00) for payment of the required filing fee. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due with respect to this paper or credit of any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
4. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a Continuation Application of Application Serial No. 09/877,233, filed on June 11, 2001.  
The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1 - 20, 15 sheets) are attached.
7. ☒ Priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-175054 filed June 12, 2000, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
8. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/877,233 on October 12, 2001.
9. ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
10. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
11. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--
12. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA. The Assignment was filed for recordation on October 12, 2001.
13. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
14. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449 and \_\_\_\_\_ references.
15. ☐ Small entity status:  
☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.  
☐ b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.  
☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
16. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the application is to Robert B. Murray, Reg. No. 22,980; Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Douglas H. Goldhush, Reg. No. 33,125; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; Murat Ozgu, Reg. No. 44,275; Robert K. Carpenter, Reg. No. 34,794; Gregory B. Kang, Reg. No. 45,273; Rustan Hill, Reg. No. 37,351; Hans J. Crosby, Reg. No. 44,634; Brian A. Tollefson, Reg. No. 46,338; David D. Dzara, Reg. No. 47,543; Lynne D. Anderson, Reg. No. 46,412; Michael A. Steinberg, Reg. No. 43,160 and Lynn A. Bristol, Reg. No. 48,898.
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